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**The Community Study Group Researching Sites for a New Police Headquarters Want to Hear from the Public Before it Makes its Recommendation to City Leaders**

Council Bluffs, Iowa – After three months of extensive research and review, the community study group will finalize its recommendations for a location for a new police headquarters. The 11 members of the study group tasked with examining the needs and potential sites for a new headquarters will meet **Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Council Bluffs Library between 7 to 9 PM.**

Study group members will be available to share their recommendations and experience involving this evaluation process with the news media at this meeting.

**Public Input – Open House** - They also want to hear from the public before sending their site recommendations to City leaders. The open house will be held at the **Council Bluffs Community Hall, 205 Main Street, between 5:30 to 8 PM on Tuesday, February 16.** Members want to share their recommendations with the community and get residents' input. The study group will review the comments they receive at the open house public meeting before forwarding their final recommendations to city officials for action.

**Virtual Site Tours** - Since it is nearly impossible for the entire community to tour the current police headquarters, the community group asked the public be provided a virtual video tour of their visit to the existing facility. This video can be viewed on the project webpage at <http://councilbluffs-ia.gov/policehq>, and residents are encouraged to participate in an online community discussion at <http://buildingcbsaferfuture.mysidewalk.com>

The 11-member panel has spent the past three months studying the current police headquarters facility, touring modern facilities in the Kansas City area and scouring multiple locations throughout Council Bluffs and comparing these sites using 31 evaluation criteria.

"The work of this study group is a national model for what community policing is all about. These citizens have embraced our mission and have worked hard to understand the needs for a modern police facility for our city," Police Chief Tim Carmody said. "We look forward to receiving their recommendations, hearing what the rest of the community has to say about their ideas and putting all this effort into a wise decision to move forward."

**For More Information Visit:** <https://councilbluffs-ia.gov/policehq> or

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